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THE NEXT DECADE, LET'S TAKE A
MOMENT TO CONSIDER THE LAST TEN
YEARS. BOTH BECAUSE THEY PRODUCED SUCH
UNPREDICTED HAVOC—AND BECAUSE THEY PRODUCED US.

3650 DAYS

The setting on this particular Thursday being a newspaper, things usually were dozens of television screens and computer monitors, all of them active and glowing and saved into this story. The dozens of printers sitting the business of a dying industry. You could walk from one part of the building to another and, there as an eagle's wing against the high blue sky, the balloons seemed to be reaching with you, as though you were in the sky with it, moving, right to left, from one screen to another, appearing and disappearing and appearing again. The conversations between screens were filled with the low hum of conversation. There was also in the bullpen—as in the newspaper lounge at it. What was he thinking? What else he is out, on television, right there in front of us? And then another screen,

By CHARLES P. PIERCE



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 With the help of *ESCAPE*
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 developed the first ever Aug-
 mented Reality game. By going
 to explore, search, and search
 for a little something, read-
 ers with access to the right
 device can see the game come to life.

I have been an *Esquire*
 reader for several years, and
 never knew I had such an in-
 teractive form of entertain-
 ment. I was absolutely blown
 away by the interactive



approach. You really amazed
 yourselves. What's next?

MARIO MORALES
 Los Angeles, Calif.
 Next we transform Richard
 Factor to dust on... —Editors

You asked me to make
 sure that my computer is
 equipped with a working
 webcam. It is not! You want
 me to download software. I
 will not! You want to get a
 new friend my desktop. You
 may not.

RICHARD FACTOR
 Naples, Fla.
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December was our eighth an-
 nual Best and Brightest issue,
 a compilation of journalists,
 reporters, and most im-
 portantly, people who are changing the
 world. One of those innovations
 was *Democracy*, an online
 outlet who has revolutionized
 insights into the age-old ques-
 tion of what makes worthy
 national security and power
 access point.

I like *Democracy*'s tradition
 of educating foreign citi-
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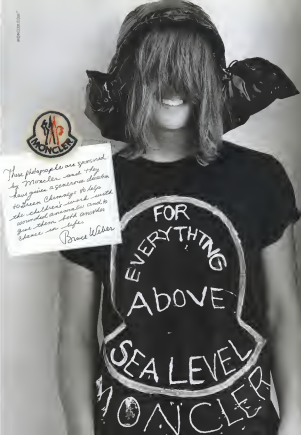
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"It includes a
 beautiful game on
 horseback and a
 young man
 sitting up there
 for dinner."

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 that if they are aware of bet-
 ter possibilities for them-
 selves and positively, they
 stand a much better chance
 of saving and passing their
 rights—and their economic
 strength and stability.

JOHN GOODMAN
 Phoenix, Ariz.

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 "pushing representat-
 ives through trade negoti-
 ations and diplomacy." Has
 he noticed how well our



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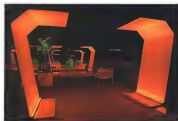
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THE VOCABULARY

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Fig. 1

FUN *adj.* As it relates to women, in this case Milo Kunkis self-deprecating, playful, self-assured, affable, and generally grose (SEE PAGE 29.)

Fig. 2

Things a man should never say to a woman.



Berkshire • A RARE TYPE OF SMALL, FAT PIG RAISED MOSTLY IN ENGLAND AND NORTH AMERICA BUT FOUND ALL OVER THE WORLD AND KNOWN FOR THE QUALITY OF ITS MEAT. THOUGH IT PRODUCES INFAMOUS BACON, GREAT FOR PORK CHOPS (SEE PAGE 34.)

Clearer Names for Certain Winter Olympic Events

(SEE PAGE 26.)



Ice slide (bobsled)



Figure skater (ice skater)



Sliding, sliding, sliding (ski)



Speed skater (ice skater)



Luge (ice sled)



Biathlon (winter and ice)



Ice bouncer (curling)



Ice dancing (ice skating)



Artistic skating (ice skating)

Fig. 3



Fig. 4

Inguinal canal • THE NARROW PASSAGEWAY THAT ALLOWS THE SPERMATIC CORD TO GO FROM THE ABDOMEN DOWN TO THE TESTES (SEE PAGE 38.)



Fig. 5

FLYING THROUGH • Defying conventional rules of seasonal behavior and engaging in a summer activity during winter, such as going to the beach, doing a little lawn work, cooking meat on a grill, feeling happy, etc. (SEE PAGE 32.)

SKIN IN THE GAME • A metaphor for any financial stake you have in an undertaking, including a ball game (baseball, football, game-theory, relationship, baseball, etc.) (SEE PAGE 35.)

EXPERIENCE OF THE MONTH



POINTING OUT THE NEWEL POST • Taking a woman on an impromptu, late-night tour of your home the first time she comes over, even though neither of you are all that interested in home design at that particular moment. (SEE PAGE 39.)



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FUNNY*
JOKE
FROM A
BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN

Actress

Stana Katic

A guy meets a hooker in a bar. She says, "This is your lucky night. Let's play a game. I'll do absolutely anything you want for \$300, so long as you can say it in three words."

The guy replies, "Hey, why not?" He pulls his wallet out of his pocket and, one at a time, lays three 100-dollar bills on the bar and says slowly, "P...r...e...s...t...i...t...u...t...i...o...n...e...."

ABOUT THE JOKESTER

Stana Katic is tough. In her spare time, the *Arrow* and *Catfish* actress smokes anchovy and blowdry. And as TV's most poised sassy, special agents and now divorced New York City detective Kati Blawie (on *ABC*'s cop dramedy *Catfish*), she runs in the second season. "When you're playing characters like these a lot of people are excited to reach the girl faster to play like the boys," she says. She's heard the line a lot of pickup lines and *Arrow* S&C made snuggles from the bar (the pickup line).

Which means she's not the kind of person you'd want to run into in a dark alley. Although you might be willing to take your chances.

—MERRILL FORD

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THE ESQUIRE WINTER GRILLING SPECTACULAR

Who made the rule that your grill must be in lockdown from Labor Day to Memorial Day?

Somewhere along the line, summer stole your grill. A barbecue on the Fourth of July—your last firefest, you're warning yourself, you're flipping burgers next to a cauldron of longcooking—is a wonderful thing. But the smoky, earthy flavors that flames give meats and vegetables are even better suited to hearty winter dishes than to Oscar Meyer weiners. We asked usually Jersey nation and Philadelphia chef David Katz—who cranks up the grill on the deck of his restaurant, *steak 'n' salad*—how best to keep the fire going in the coldest months. Stay warm. There's a path out the back door.

CHEF DAVID KATZ'S GRILLED PORK CHOPS AND BRAISED CABBAGE

As told to Christine Mennillo

My dad grilled outside year-round—winter didn't matter. There could be snow on the ground and he still wouldn't get anything off the fire. Instead, there was charring on the edges. Crusty black charring isn't just a look. It's a smell—a smell that means grilling to me. You can get that charring without using charcoal by grilling on a double-cut dog (bigger than two single chops), which will keep you warm all spring. Ask your butcher for a *double-cut thickskin pork chop* tied with the fat cap below.

Adjust the grill so it's about three inches from the heat source and get the meat where hot. Brush the meat with *extra-virgin olive oil*, season with salt and pepper, and sear over the hottest coals until browned on both sides. Ideally, you'll have it only once, so say five minutes per side.

Place a heavy cast-iron pot over the coals, but cook off to the side. While the meat cooks, render 6 duck strips (they get *crispy* in the pot for about three minutes). Add half a cup of *onion oil*, a pinch of salt and pepper, and a splash of *white wine*. Sear once or twice and cook until the outside is brown but doesn't color. About five minutes. Add 1 pound of *sausage* and cook until well done, about two minutes. Add a cup of *chicken stock* and stir well to coat. Add one 12-ounce bottle of *white wine* (I use *Chardonnay*) made with apples or wheat beer such as *Honey* (a *Chardonnay* made with wheat beer). Add salt and pepper, and cover.

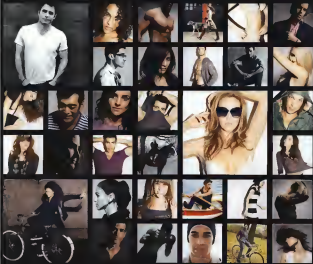
Move the chops to indirect heat and close the grill lid, creating a cocoon. After 15 minutes, open the lid, brush the outside of the chops with *olive oil* and *garlic*. Sear once or twice on the fire, continuing to cook until the chop is cooked through with a slight edge of pink, about another 15 minutes. (A meat thermometer should read 140 to 145 degrees.) With about 45 to 60 minutes cooking time, plan the braising sauce of the sausage stews, the meat will get a little crispy. But that's good. You want a little love on the edges.



Grilled Apples: Put one and a half cups of apples, fresh the day sides lightly with vegetable oil and season with a pinch of salt and pepper. Place on grill directly over heat and cook until soft for about three minutes. Then move them to the side away from the direct heat and cook for another five minutes.

Grilled Steaks: Place half-inch thick steaks on the grill directly over heat and cook until the outside is brown but doesn't color. About five minutes. Add 1 pound of sausage and cook until well done, about two minutes. Add a cup of chicken stock and stir well to coat. Add one 12-ounce bottle of white wine (I use Chardonnay) made with apples or wheat beer such as Honey (a Chardonnay made with wheat beer). Add salt and pepper, and cover.

Grilled Dog: In a small sauce pan, mix a cup of dark rum, 2 cups of brown sugar, a pinch of salt, and 1 cup of apple juice. Add the dog to the grill and cook until the outside is brown but doesn't color. About five minutes. Add 1 pound of sausage and cook until well done, about two minutes. Add a cup of chicken stock and stir well to coat. Add one 12-ounce bottle of white wine (I use Chardonnay) made with apples or wheat beer such as Honey (a Chardonnay made with wheat beer). Add salt and pepper, and cover.



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ASK DR. OZ: THE LIGHTNING ROUND

If you had one of the world's foremost doctors cornered at a party, what would you ask him?

BY DR. MERMET OZ



What do you put on your kids' cuts and scrapes? I've got everything from peroxide to rubbing alcohol to bacitracin in my medicine cabinet.

Well, first I clean the scrape with soap and water or sterile saline. After that, I use triple-antiseptic ointment. Peroxide isn't that great at killing bugs. Alcohol just stings, because it kills so many cells it never put anything on a cut that I wouldn't put on my eye.

What are the pros and cons of medical marijuana, so you can tell?
Any medicine that helps humans, I am supportive of. On the contrary, medical cannabis has been shown to help people with chronic pain, multiple sclerosis, and other conditions. It's not a magic pill, but it's a powerful tool for people suffering from chronic pain. For me, it's more about helping people than making

them, and it's hard to say yes to it as a man who's dying of cancer. It's a natural cancer fighter, but it's not a cure. It's a natural cancer fighter, but it's not a cure. It's a natural cancer fighter, but it's not a cure.

You've given the power to remove one unhealthy part of American life: cigarettes, lefty, anything.
What's your pick?
Sugar. White sugar and corn syrup. They're empty calories. They're empty calories. They're empty calories. They're empty calories.

to a whole range of related problems. Type 2 diabetes is a depression to some. It's a depression to some. It's a depression to some. It's a depression to some.

In country air, really that great for you?
It's not that great for you. It's not that great for you. It's not that great for you. It's not that great for you.

The Supers under the sun: Jones—seriously? You can't dehydrate if someone has a heart attack, can they?
The reason men get heart disease is because of the arteries. The arteries are the arteries. The arteries are the arteries. The arteries are the arteries.

What's worse for men: hemorrhoids or prostate cancer?
Hemorrhoids. Of the things that keep you from sex, it's the thing that keeps you from sex. It's the thing that keeps you from sex. It's the thing that keeps you from sex.

Do you use a water filter? Tap water fine.
The problem is, there are a lot of chemicals in the water. There are a lot of chemicals in the water. There are a lot of chemicals in the water. There are a lot of chemicals in the water.

supply, and there's no oxygen. That's why you have to keep up with working them. You can't get a wider report from your local municipality than the local newspaper. The local newspaper is the local newspaper. The local newspaper is the local newspaper.

I know a guy who wears a copper bracelet. He says he's got it for his arthritis. Does it work?
It's not good. It's not good. It's not good. It's not good.

One of my chemicals that became famous, it's there something wrong with it—like a vitamin deficiency or something?
No, you're probably just eating them. Eating them, eating them, eating them. Eating them, eating them, eating them.

You're accused of a diet scandal. You eat chocolate. You eat chocolate. You eat chocolate. You eat chocolate.
I'm not eating chocolate. I'm not eating chocolate. I'm not eating chocolate. I'm not eating chocolate.

Does your car have a seat belt?
No, it doesn't. It doesn't. It doesn't. It doesn't.

Dr. Oz is a heart surgeon and host of the nationally syndicated TV show.
I'm not a heart surgeon. I'm not a heart surgeon. I'm not a heart surgeon. I'm not a heart surgeon.

3 Things You Didn't Know About Oz

1. Oz is a doctor.

Jones is a doctor. Jones is a doctor. Jones is a doctor. Jones is a doctor.

2. Oz is a doctor.

Jones is a doctor. Jones is a doctor. Jones is a doctor. Jones is a doctor.

3. Oz is a doctor.

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My wife and I are having a baby in a few months, and we disagree on whether or not to circumcise him. Where do you fall on this issue?

I've never given the matter a moment's thought. But I consented you and your wife for clearing the fate of your son's penis squarely in my capable hands.

Great! Since I had my first board, I've become feverishly aware of what a mission it is for fathers. I like you, want your child to have the kind of middle bed comfortably secure child in becoming his splash among new parents. Once received such a view of life, parents have become increasingly sure. It's just like what happened to current TV's According to the National Center for Health Statistics, as well as a ward down I had the other night. In 1999 only 10 percent of baby boys born in U.S. hospitals were circumcised. That's down about 30 percent from its height in the '70s, when people really knew how to pierce 25 percent of the second circumcised, and it's not necessarily the good 25 per-

cent. Doctors now consider the benefits and risks of the procedure to be so mixed that they no longer cite a risk as if one does it. "In a sense, it comes down to being a tribal custom," says Dr. Andrew Freedman, director of pediatric urology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. "If you test the, you belong to a tribe that does it, and you really want to do it, then do it." And if that's the case, you'd want to check with the elders and see if your tribe retains a model, which is the Jewish version at Santa Clara, who, instead of leaving parents and cutting your sons' cords off your sons' navels and into your navels. But if the whole is true is becoming two weeks of some I know I've already spent at least five minutes too many and it's absolutely fine to put the whole thing out of your mind and take some muscle relaxers. It's over come up, dis-

play, tell you can be a parent than welcome to get circumcised when he has a job and can play for it with his own money.

Do parents disagree? They do at my church—all over the place. Mine, too. It's fairly abstracting, can thinking of body as a metaphor.

Parents are not supposed to meddle with it. It's a violation of their ability and not in line with the church's general rule, which is "It's not like the Jews, to condemn people," says Father Daniel, the priest, president of the Catholic Theological Union, where I went to college. Catholic Church has been providing the condemnations for more than 2,000 years. It's to see what in the Catholic view is the proper sacrament of our sexuality. And the proper sacrament of Catholic sexuality is procreative sex between man and wife. Okay, what did you

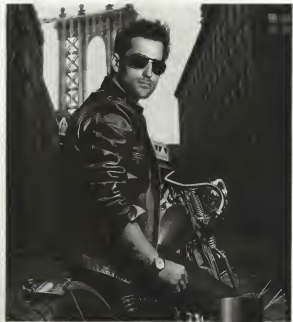
think it was? Recently though it's come to the attention of society and law enforcement that priests are technically human men and enjoy occasionally rubbing yours out. Some do confine their sins but most seek comfort in the Holy Book, which advises a priest with unholy thoughts to "remain silent" but cleverly hides the name of those who have been found guilty of those sins. (Note: that's the name of the priest who was found guilty of those sins.)

Why do some men, like Father Daniel, make it online, while others, like Cardinal Bergoglio, don't? According to celebrity-welfare broker Kevin Katz, all parents seeking to remove a son from, whether they be celebrities or regular old teenagers, must sign a consent indicating that they are of age and not technically included. If you are seeing a sex tape at the Internet, it's either because the police and local police is still in the trust, or more likely, all parties have signed consent forms. (Note: I've recently had a priest in bed by such an extensive string of numbers because she has yet to send her paperwork, and until the law is changed, there is still we can do. I suggest you write your congressman, if you haven't already.)

Every once in a while during sex, one of my brothers will pull up inside my abdomen and play there until I message back down. What if that all goes wrong? See a doctor.

How is it for you, sexual? "It's just called a reproductive health, and it's not a dangerous thing," says Dr. David A. Cole, MD, PhD. There are muscles along the spermatic cord called cremasters, which help a spermatozoa by cold and ejaculation, but mainly as a means to feel contact and put your penis up into the liquid liquid region and out of harm's way until the perceived threat is gone. You happen to have extra strong cremasters, which, look for you, is a handy thing for parents.

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MISS MURPHY'S PICK

• On the great first actress, there's a performance video featuring a lounge-stud woman who spends three days hanging over walls in the middle of busy New York scenes. It's not because Sheggy's Gilbert. Grayscale. Men vs. Wild. "Those that he goes on and on about. He like like, 'Wow, look at this very cool, just look at these eyeballs.' Then he dips into the govt's eyeballs because they have protein. It was one was to vomit. And of course I watch it."

Which reminds me, I should show her the kitchen—a masculine kitchen with a Sub-Zero fridge and sleek wooden cabinets. Actually, the kitchen isn't where Mila was in her. That's right, she's currently training to play an android robot ballerina in a new Darren Aronofsky movie (she reportedly has a love scene with Natalie Portman), and she's been instructed to eat a diet of only greens and almonds. It's killing her. This is a woman who, while watching *Super Hero* life, had such a craving for McDonald's, she had to pause the DVD in the middle and track down a Big Mac.

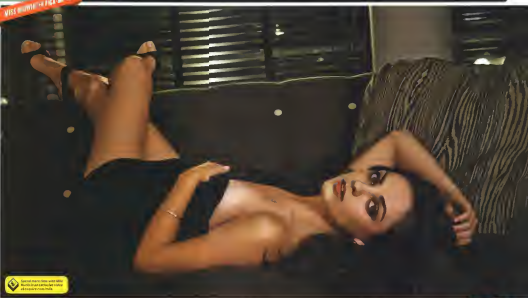
In the allowed to drink wine? She nods. She watches the pair. She's got amazing eyes, and I think, one great. And they're amazing. "Yes, I look like Japanimation," says Mila. "I'm aware of that."

The rest of her, on the other hand, is in the voice of her. "My friends call me Rabbit," she says, but not even as you think. "I come across as cooler than I am. People will say 'You're not five feet four.' And I say, 'People, I know my height. I'm currently winning bet. Hundreds of dollars.'"

She says, because, but she's enough to prove. She's got amazing eyes. I think. While signs and The Road of Life (on January 30), her latest film, she plays Helen, a completely attractive woman in a post-apocalyptic frontier town ruled by Gary Oldman.

She takes a sip. "You getting too hungry here," she says. "Let's keep moving."

We move on to the poker room. It's a little



• SHE WATCHES ME POUR THE WINE. SHE'S GOT AMAZING EYES, ONE BLUEISH, ONE GREENISH.

AND THEY'RE IMMENSE. "YES, I LOOK LIKE JAPANIMATION," SAYS MILA. "I'M AWARE OF THAT."

me right a couple of years ago. "I lost an obscene amount of money in Las Vegas," she says. "I remember her taking a hand of wine 'I got empty' she says."

In place of poker, Mila says she spends her time on video games. She and her boyfriend—Miley Cyrus, whom she calls Mike—used to play hours of World of War-

craft, until she quit cold turkey. Now she's on to the Facebook game Farmville. "All you do is grow wheat. And then you grow blueberries. It's so exciting now and present the same time. I'm obsessed."

We move on to the computer room and sit down at the computer. Her Wikipedia page says she was born in Ukraine and moved to

the U.S. when she was seven. (She's never had McDonald's, Coca-Cola, much less seen a redneck or African-American person.) She got on *The '70s Show* by lying about her age—she said she was 30 when she was really 24. (She's now 26.)

We check on her other credits: *American Psycho 2*? "Nope, we're not talking about

that one. That one we're skipping right over. *American Psycho 3* (she's not)."

Mixed two experiences on *Baywatch*—one as a blond girl, one as a blond one. "These were the only times my dad was like, 'I'm coming to the set.'"

One day, Mila had a nose job, even though the before and after photos look

identical. "Where are my hands? If I were going to get plastic surgery, I'd get some real work done."

"Oh, my God!" she says. "Click on that link." It's a site that says that her stomach is adorned with a tattoo of a flying vagina. "I could see my flying vagina."

She laughs and smooches her foot. "I love

when there's a photo."

No photo. She's disappointed. She doesn't have such a tattoo. She shrugs her head. "Believe me, I had that tattoo. I'd want the world to see."

Sadly, there will be no more kissing tonight. But the sound of her laugh and the slow-swinging—almost makes up for it.



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ARE THE OLYMPICS RUINING EVERYTHING?

BY STEPHEN MARCHE

In a culture overwhelmed by phony sports-religion—the cathedral bellcurse, the deniged players, the rituals of trades and drafts, the fantasy-league cults of fandom—it's easy to forget that sports still possesses a seed of the genuinely sacred. You have to wipe away so much corruption and drugs and bloodlust to see it, but sports belong to what is pure and good in the difficult and degrading world of men. This month, those of us who love sport but hate all that surrounds it will have to suffer through another orgy of blasepatriotic pagantry, and it's the perfect occasion to confront a crisis whose consequences stretch beyond stadiums. Spectacle isn't just ruining everything we love about the Olympics or even the wider world of sports—it's ruining the capacity for spontaneous joy that makes us who we are.

Start with the Olympics' opening ceremonies, which billions of people watch but nobody really enjoys: moribund twirling in amazing pointlessness, gun-gone and stillie and name making, athletes smiling and waving to nobody in particular, a celebrity lighting a big flaming cauldron. The only countries any good at it are either East or Communist. The Germans [sic] invented the lighting of the sacred fire, and the first torch relay moved through countries the Third Reich was soon to conquer. Seventy-two years later, the totalitarian government of Beijing [sic] demonstrated its ability to coordinate fifteen thousand people in meaningless synchronization, which was awesome and terrifying in equal measure. David Atkins, the executive producer of Vancouver's opening ceremony, knows he has an impossible job keeping up with that level of

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I mean that as a complaint to General Motors' advertisement is inhuman, but it's also boring, and it's why real-time Olympic Webcasts of, say, cross-country skiing or speed skating are so much more captivating than all those degrading prime-time TV productions of figure skating, as propagandist and surreal as any episode of "Love". All the spontaneity—both the



Forester vs. Nadal, Wimbledon 2006



Competitor and agent at the 2006 Winter Games in Torino. The 2006 Winter Games in Torino were the first to be held in a city that was not a host city.

I don't mean that loosely or metaphorically. Sports are holy. For the ancient Maya and the Aztecs, the most important religious festivals always involved the playing of the ball game, which sometimes ended in human sacrifice. For the Greeks, athletic competition was a way of demonstrating "areté"—a nearly untranslatable word meaning spontaneous excellence or vitality, a human being human perfectly. Which is why the ancient Olympics isolated competitions in poetry and music, and why they happened in the shade: We go to sports to see what men are. Sports celebrate an event during which anything can happen, capturing, as nothing else can, life's basic unpredictability, and they show us how to live: We are supposed to face life's uncertainty with the best we have. Contemporary sports, despite the ice floes of what they have to navigate, still manage to produce many sublime moments, but every year these bright lights grow harder to spot against the gathering gloom of the business of entertainment.

In a world of gears and slipstreams, where humanity is honed in daily by regulations and corporations, the gift of sports is realism and honesty—what Walter Benjamin called the "Zeitgeist," which is why the corruption of sports into empty entertainment is so uniquely soul-destroying, so incredibly corrosive to culture as a whole, and it's why the Olympics are so, so rotten. Even the way the best athletes are chosen is a parody of honest competition, a spectacle falsely presented as a contest. The IOC has always been a world leader in the First Issues, it takes a lot to beat Russia in the fine art of backroom dealing, but is there any other plausible explanation for the Obama Foundation in Copenhagen [sic]?

I'm not alone in loving sports and despising their spectacle, but what as to become of us? Are we to be assigned to watch "Friday Night Lights" with our sons? Are we supposed to say to them, look, that's how sports are supposed to be? The only other solution is a kind of partial blindness, a willful stupidity. I've proximated myself this year that I am not going to wallow in the easy opinion that usually settles on me like the fix for the Olympic fortnight. I'm going to forget about the ceremonies and I'm going to remember that curling—especially women's curling—is fun to watch, and that the biathlon is pretty cool when all is said and done. And when the inevitable doping scandal hits, or the judges fix figure skating again, I'm going to change the channel to short-track speed skating or luge.

And then I'll remember that next month is March Madness, and all will be well. ■



The Michigan State Spartans at the 2010 Winter Games



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DAMN, IT'S GOOD TO BE IN 2010. There's no further need to look back at the unsettling last decade. (See Charles P. Pierce's excellent summing up, page 5.) And no need for predictions about what's to come. We live in a world of constant prognostication, but if we've learned anything from the last ten years, it's that we couldn't have called any of it—any of the events that have rocked and reshaped us. Instead, we're focusing this issue on the present, on what matters right now. More specifically, we've decided to look at a dozen or so people who matter right now in the faith that together they tell us something about where we've ended up ten years later. Will they all still matter a year from now? Not our department. But they're a big part of the present, and there is no place we'd rather be.

Sculpture by Adam Benne



OBAMA IS NOT THE ACTION FIGURE WE'RE USED TO HAVING IN THE WHITE HOUSE. HE IS THE MOST POWERFUL MAN ON EARTH WHO AVOIDS THE EXERCISE OF RAW POWER. HE IS OUR...

PAPA

IN CHIEF

By TOM JUNOD

I UNDERSTAND BARACK OBAMA. It is not always easy, but I do. I connect with him. Of course, we weren't supposed to need to. He was supposed to be above that. He was never supposed to be an everyman, and never pretended to be. His transcendent hair cuts, balding head, and the rest—the tests of whether he was “likable” enough as a politician. It

didn't matter whether I wanted to have dinner with him or not, and nobody called him son Barack Obama. What he represented was much bigger than any individual, even himself. It is not necessarily a good thing that I've come to understand him. But I do. I even have a guide for understanding him. It's a sheet of paper, taped to the inside of a kitchen cabinet. It does not say “Understanding Barack Obama” at the top. It says “Principles of Positive Discipline.” I use it, most often, when I'm frustrated with my daughter, who's six. That's what it's designed for. But I also use it when I'm trying to understand Barack Obama, and it works every time. Indeed, it works better as a guide for understanding Barack Obama than it does as a guide for relieving my frustration with my daughter, because he is my president, not my child. He's not the one sticking his hands in the butter or splashing the bathroom mirror.

POSITIVE DISCIPLINE is a movement and a brand, the foundation of a burgeoning flood of books, workshops, lectures, and family-diversity practices. None of you've never heard of it, you're affected by it, because at bottom it's a philosophy of parenting. I learned about it two years ago, when my wife and I



President Obama, age 44, in 2008. The photo was taken by Michael Ochs Media Group. © 2008, Michael Ochs Media Group. All rights reserved.

and the positive discipline workshop my daughter's school. We were late at the time, and we were frustrated, we were having trouble concerning authority with our daughter—all right, even our daughter without having those experiences isolate into battles of will that could only be won in the cost of cycling and trauma. We did not wish our daughter to never come close, but I got so angry at times that I could feel the anger rippling over me as a physical current, as a kind of heat that made her heat stand up on my arms. Worse, my anger seemed to do most of its authority around of negating it, and our daughter, after a while, not only had to feel it, she would find it really sad and offensive if I was angry at her. I was angry at her, and I knew it was only because of her. And she was only five, the Goda said. Was this how it was going to stay for the rest of our lives?

And the lady leading the positive-discipline workshop smiled—the lady leading the positive-discipline workshop always smiles—and said, “She’s probably frustrated, too.”

AM I FRUSTRATED with Barack Obama? Of course I am. Everybody's frustrated with Barack Obama. We like him, we're glad he's president, but we're frustrated with him. Sure, he's done a lot and gotten credit for it. Sure, he's honestly governed in his going to govern in *The Audacity of Hope*. It's even obvious, especially if leadership can be measured by what he does when the "hope" part starts? When does part start? It's a little weird for Miller—that one, the piece—but got Winston instead, a careful consideration that nobody likes as much as they say they do.

I AM NOT SUGGESTING that the principles of discipline teach me to deal with my Obama frustration some way that they teach me to deal with my frustration—that they encourage me to think of Obama as far from it. They encourage me to think of Obama specifically in the father of two young children, as the father of two young children in the first period of first century. People who try to explain or encourage to do so in terms of his influences, in terms of Paul A. Agors, Jeremiah Wright, Robin Emmerick, or his wife Michelle are in terms of Snatch and Snatch.

THE POSITIVE-DISCIPLINE workshop was Saturday, and it lasted all day. There was a lot of first-time stuff. I had never been to one before. One lady felt like being there was an admission of failure; she thought that we had some kind of problem, but there were pretty soon a couple of moments we all shared: "rules of respect," empathy, the workshop leader asked us to ask each other to put the other in a time-out. That made you feel good, she said, a question that she asked isolated parents the final confession: "Thank you."

"What's second? What's wrong with a time-out?" I asked.
 "What's wrong with a time-out?" the workshop leader seriously responded.
 "Are you saying that you should never punish your children?"
 "There is no punishment in positive discipline," she said.



HE IS A WELL-DEFINED MAN—a man whose known life suffry of accounts and is, as the strip-teasers, confidante in his own case—whose presence has heeded defining moments. One thing, Oates wrote, was he called a liar in front of Congress, in front of the American people, and in front of the world. As Oates was making his case for health-care reform to joint sessions of Congress, a Republican congressman from South Carolina interrupted him with the words "Go, F--- it!" He was not only a defamatory insult, but a personal insult, too. Oates says he knows the congressman's name and knows where his home is, but he never saw him. "I was sitting in the audience seat, and I saw the man and the chair that came from Doc Williams's medical office, probably at Oates's urging. He accepted Williams's apology and also seemed to be, to read to me the occasion was, what the language of modern parenting calls a "teachable moment." And if the world didn't to Wilson again, Oates answered, "I talk him outside," and let go at that.

There is no punishment in the Obama White House.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WIN. We were told the positive discipline was about your child not being disappointed, angry or your child wins, if he's late in waking up, on better yet, you win. Our culture has warped parenthood in terms of free will, but it's better to view it in terms of development, an emotional process, not to be in it for the long haul. Nothing is like the moment of truth, and if there's no powerlessness, then there are fewer power struggles. If your child has a problem with authority, it's likely that you have a problem with authority, or you lack it. The more in control it is to your child, the more of control, while you set the example. Your example is your authority. Positive discipline doesn't mean no discipline. It means that you're not in control of the child, but the child is not in control of making your child rule. "Children do not know who they feel better, not aware," is what it says on your kid's nose and so when faced with discipline, parents have to respond by assessing their expectations, repairing the rules, and then

ing their children the love and support they need to follow them. Always try to include, rather than police, scold, belittle, don't negotiate, but don't escalate, either. If your children are not doing well, either take them out of the situation or remove yourself. You—and they—can always try again.

It is a philosophy that could have been refined by Osama bin Laden, the White House source whose development was "an excellent idea to make the right choices without them being aware of the manipulation. It could serve as a script for how Osama bin Laden with Joe Wilson, not to mention Sam Gates and Sergeant Jim Crowley, not to mention Mohamed Atta bin al-Jed, who was never threatened but rather told to "drink carefully" while overlooking the protests of the Imam al-Ghazali endowment with the Imam al-Ghazali and the pillars. One could almost see Osama bin Laden say, "The year is 2001, Mohamed. Use your words."

THE THINGS WE LIKED ABOUT HIM have named us to be the things that draw us crazy about him. After six years of the Decade, we elected the Debarrator—well, okay, the Very Charming Debarrator with High Symbolic Value. Now we're debellators but not debarrators, nonconformists, not two-dimensional, time-on-temper, not indiscriminately non-rational, non-conformity too conforming. The problem with the president, we're told, is that he operates a kind of emotional remove from us, that makes him, even in the view of his admirers, a Walton, under the name of Eisenhower, a Leland, who by temperance must murder even birthright could never be considered "one of us." But this is bullsh*t, even by the standards of gaudy and palatial talk-show. The problem with the president is that he is one of us after all, and we're busy in most conditions not only of our society as voters when we will our embarrassing choices. "Honey, I know you can make better choices." It's like us in that he is an authority figure in a sense where we are subordinated about our authority and there, because we're Americans, subordinated about our endorsement. He just happens to be the president, and he forces us to consider our

happens when the most powerful man on earth is also a man who would rather avoid power struggles.

TO DISOBEY! Positive discipline, more precisely, the principles and techniques of *positive discipline*, which means that I'm one of those one of those guys who never mixes his voice to his child, who sees the word "aggressive" more as a warning, who holds his children at arm's length when the is misbehaving, who "thames his child," who "doesn't like the kid," who "is exasperated," and who, above all, does not punish, no matter how bad—yes, inappropriate—the behavior is. And you know what? It's changed my life. Our lives. We don't fight anymore. My wife and I employ kindness and fairness—positive discipline by words—and our daughter is happy and cooperative. It takes a lot of work, though, because, well, it's unnatural. You have to devote a lot of time not to, only your whole life. You have to be strong, because you risk appearing weak. Or maybe one day I'm just avoiding confrontation. Our daughter will understand the badness of an action after all I just have been involved in making her stop, and when she's done, I ask her, politely, to clean up the messes.

OF, I HAVING HOKA exactly how Ojibwa discipline or don't discipline Siebke and Mulla, though (the principle of positive discipline are virtually identical to the principles of negative discipline, which is what started me to explore "positive discipline" in community organizers with small, isolated, I have heard the principles of positive discipline espoused from the pulpit of Jewish rabbis, and also as a support group I attended to learn how to deal with a relative who is mentally ill. They have currency everywhere, especially among the class of educated people who have not drifted from the Holocaust museum of civility, as the Ojibwa did. We are in the middle of spreading social responsibility to all who have means (those who power are not really doing so) the most fundamental way: that is, in our own families. Barack Obama, then, is not the savior of the world. He's

Edmund of a change that is already occurring all over the world, in every place but politics. That's why the Republicans fear him so much, why, while waiting for him to fail, they just come off as the political party for people who want to let their kids

WOODY EXPOUNDS philosophies anywhere, and fewer and fewer people engage their faith. We are, however, prepared to speak realistically about our (former) philosophy of parenting, and this makes the place of our children, for instance, parents believe their primary obligation to their children was to keep them from the fires of hellishness of that, any amount of corporal punishment was justified. As we have shifted away from religious belief toward rationalism, we have shifted our sense of the basis of punishment, and we have arrived at the perception of a punishment at all. The belief behind the "time in" – essentially shag – is that children are not rational beings, they are merely rational, capable of understanding the consequences of their actions. All the professions of faith, regardless of the truth of the secular statements of our society although his language is drawn from religion, his principles, the principles of positive discipline and consistency expectations, are drawn from there. Continued on page 105.

There's no punishment in the Obama administration: The president shows strength chiefly by risking the appearance of weakness.



THE BOSS

THE BIGGEST SPORT OF THE NEW CENTURY HAS ONE PREEMINENT STAR AND ONE GREAT ADVANTAGE: DANA WHITE

BENEATH A BIG TENT barely erected on a rooftop behind the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles, a collection of modern gladiators pulls behind portable stage, twenty-two broken noses and tons of cauliflower. Standing in a reverent semicircle around a familiar pug—the former bar bouncer, hotel bellhop, and personal fitness trainer who has, over the past decade, helped to turn the Ultimate Fighting Championship into a \$1 billion business with fans across the globe.

They are a fearsome-looking bunch—tall six-eleven Dutch submission expert Stefan Struve to five-seven cropped favorite Joe "Daddy" Stevenson—all of them having just stripped to their skivvies for the pre-fight weigh-in, witnessed by three thousand raucous and mesmerized superfans from the coasted eighteenth-to-forty-one-degree latitude, rules and legends both. There will be eleven bouts tomorrow night in the Octagon, the distinctive eight-sided ring with its black chain-link fence to contain the action.

By MIKE SAGER • PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHAEL MULLER



The most significant consequence of *Gossip Girl* may be the rise of its lead blond, who's about to become a serious movie star

By **RYAN D'AGOSTINO**

Photographs by **Marc Rom**

THE QUEST ON THE LATE-NIGHT TALK show crosses her long, bony legs. No one is looking at her. Her segment is done, and she has moved to the second couch, the one that's hardly ever used. She's alone. The host, he's over with the guest who came on after her, the screeny, aging, deep-mental-dwainer, and they're rocking out with the house band, and all the cameras—their are no empty cameras in these shows, way more than you'd think—have rolled over to the other side of the stage, and the audience, college kids and soccer couples hopped up on blacking-up-after signs and instructions to be enthusiastic, is watching the host and the aging director as they goof around with a guitar. The up-and-coming actress, who has apparently decided to hang out after her interview and watch the run of the show, sits on the other couch, clapping her hands—still palms and upturned fingers, like seat clappers—even though not one person, except for her publicist and her publicist's wife, is watching in the wings, is paying her any mind.

But you can't take your eyes off her. She is the only person here worth watching. Tall, wearing a short black dress, Bardot hair, smile that you believe. She was the first guest tonight, the first name belted by the emcee during the clamorous opening credits. The host likes her. She is relatively new to this, the late-night talk-show circuit. Up till now she's been known most



She's poking the apples on the stove with a wooden spoon and complaining that the movie theater where they had the New York Fippo premiere, on Midsouth and Broadway, was small and kind of flimsy. She seems confident talking about the reviews.

She's talking about career choices, which you'd think would seem monumental to her at this point.

"I'm surrounded with people I trust, so it affirms it's okay to get that's what I trust. Because I could be wrong any which way. It's not saying I'm a person who can be wrong easily, but we can be wrong any which way. People will talk to me and something that I'm going to feel with them leads to a good idea, but I always end up saying no to that thing, because—"

She puts a few fingers into the hot apples and licks them.

"Why is that terrible to you?"

She says, frowning, then nods up.

"It's like when you do SAT questions. You're your first choice."



The NOTORIOUS

BLAGO

PEOPLE WAS MADE
2010
BY THE OWN JOURNAL

IT'S AN ILL WIND THAT BLOWS NO GOOD, even in Chicago in November. Take Rod Blagojevich, a small white dog—could be a hushen frise, maybe a Maltese—who joined the family shortly after Governor Rod's arrest on December 9, 2008, when it was alleged that he was auctioning off Barack Obama's Senate seat. What was Rod's life really like when he was on or before that date, for or after? I didn't look, who told, Michael and Bernadette—blessed soul on his or her pass as the newest member of the former first family of Illinois, chosen to distract and console Rod and Patti's new young

To hear him tell it, he's Abraham Washington King Jr. And Gaffney. Seriously, he describes himself as Gaffney. To hear the prosecutor tell it, he is a vulgar lowlife who deserves to be locked away for a long time. And he's got the wiretaps to prove it. But what the prosecutor won't find on those tapes when he goes to trial soon is Rod Blagojevich selling Barack Obama's Senate seat. Oops.

By
**SCOTT
RAAB**

Photographs by
**Andrew
Rothertington**

dependent psychological evaluation of the Governor as part of this process. I believe that the committee and the people of this great state would benefit from such a move. It is clear to anyone who has been a resident here that there is ample cause for such an extraordinary request."

YOU HAVE ANYONE to talk things out with, or just Pat?

"Mostly that—me and Pat."

"You got a friend or two that go from time to time, but all the people you know—friends and all the rest—they aren't willing to do with you, because what you've got in your life they don't want in theirs."

"Pat's much tougher on me."

"She's great. When people saw that show is who there is—whether they liked her or not, that's who Pat is. When the judge wouldn't let me go and they wanted Pat, she wasn't inclined to do it. I finally didn't want her to do it. So then I had gotten an e-mail on the book, so we were okay for a couple of months, but she got inside the decision to do it."

Mrs. Blagojevich has a little sister, she's the daughter of Chicago's Chicago attorney—he and Blago have been at two for years now—and she can play like a fingering tape taking Chicago in the background.

"You know when you're sitting down? I met with my bodyguard for a month. Every afternoon in Chicago, we'd work out all the time. Her first night away—it was so sweet. We went out to watch Blue Hawaii, and the little one stayed right next to me, and the other one got up and came on the other side and stayed next to me. They'd never been away from their mother—they were adorable and kind."

Did they ever get out of the hospital?

"Yeah, little one, her little one gets out because she's crying little bit every her mother out that. You do these things because you love your children. We have no income, we have a mortgage, it came on the CDMA plan \$1,000 or \$1,800 to keep health care for them. I can get my low-income back, but what's going to have me?"

Blago's also been on a two-hour Sunday show on a local ABC talk show. "They asked him about me and he said he's not at this topic, and he said of fulfilling his gubernatorial duties, Pat Quinn, becoming down to the station, he's not, but you are." He also has a Web site, maybe that at being one of Donald Trump's celebrity appearances, and he may be available to do live interviews.

Someone e-mailed me a YouTube link of you singing "Treat Me Right" as a block party.

"Well—Treat Me Nice." I got paid for it—it's the only reason I did it."

Really?

"Yeah, I think I got paid like \$10,000 to do it."

I think my heart just broke a little bit.

"Thank you, but you know what? When I was governor, had someone told me to sing 'Treat Me Nice' I'd have done for nothing."

There was some guy on the stage with you who looked like Pat?

"You want to meet him? He's a childhood friend. I grew up with him. He knows Pat—he and Pat discovered him because he looks so much like Pat, and his friends with the real Pat. But he and Pat are ap-

parently in much bigger than him, he sells me. He's big, but the real Pat is like six feet, I guess."

That's got to be weird, to go around looking like Pat.

"Totally, but he likes it, because he's chosen to do it."

Just being in a sewer basin is just one or two nights a week. "You should meet him—he's a great guy. His name is Jack—Jack Collins."

Tell me something, governor. Would you have ever taken the term?

"Yeah, of course. I mean, all that stuff you do is not necessary except you find a way to make a living for your kids."

I guess it's better than blowing off.

"That I wouldn't do."

Oh, because?

"That's the record."

I CAN VOUCH FOR THE FACT that he has a sense of humor wide enough to embrace some degree of self-deprecation, and I saw with my own eyes—at restaurants, stopped in traffic, on the sidewalk—that folks around Chicago give him with genuine warmth, glances of support, requests to take a photo with him. And more than a few times, after he had moved past, they said, "You didn't do anything that the rest of us don't do, he just got caught," or some such.

None of this is surprising, however. Part of his Chicago symbolism comes from a character he made had, then, on doing it simply the strange fact of celebrity that he did plenty of things right during his time as governor—enough for some folks to regard him still with gratitude, and for others, to his mind days, to see him as a young man with a bright future.

There's no governor in America that did live public transportation for senior citizens. Blago was the first in American history where every child got access to comprehensive health care—told that. And that is made political decisions get down, it wasn't easy. For the first time in 100 years, we have a more significant public education. Never raised the income tax on people.

Donald Trump called out the day after John Kerry lost to Bush—Wednesday—and he said, "You need to think about running for president in 2008. After four from the Midwest to challenge Hillary Clinton. He said to me, 'I'm for you.' He had Clinton and she already—she's a candidate, so he's just gathering potential voters. That's what these guys do—they all about picking winners."

Which reminds me, "I'll show you where he lives," he says. We're living next, Blago's ride these days on 1988 Volkswagen by his brother, and a dog and a cat, and a dog.

"That house with the flag, and then there's the last right next door—he bought that. When he left the [Clinton] White House, he got into some odd where he made a quick \$10 million through his connections with Enron. Could—meaning, if there's anything in the world where—collateral people do. He's using his connections in the White House, but I'm the guy living with the flag and I'm broke."

How?

"It makes that money, and he's where he's, I believe, I'm broke, because I've worked in an honest public official, and the federal government, so very serious, so serious, my I'm not just, it's unbelievable."

So...

"People out there who are getting backed by big powerful forces in Germany." [continues on page 195]



THE AWAKENING OF ROBERT GATES

By THOMAS P.M. BARNETT

Photograph by Kadir Kander

GIVEN BARACK OBAMA'S obvious inexperience in national security affairs, our new war, our new foreign, our evolving sense of what war is, our broken federal government, and the fact that we spend about 25 percent of our discretionary federal budget on national defense, the position of a secretary of defense is more prominently now than at any time in American history.

But who is Robert Gates, and what is he doing running the Pentagon? Three years ago, when looking for Donald Rumsfeld's replacement as secretary of defense, you could not have found a more unlikely champion for the U.S. military's profound evolution from its cold-war, big-war perspective to an new focus on small wars and counterterrorism than Gates. And then a year ago, with the American people having emphatically changed course, favoring a new president who stressed in most respects to be the opposite of his predecessor, you could not have found a more unlikely man than Gates to be anything.

Picking over this most crowded of Washington careers, one finds no examples whatsoever of a man, prone to bold moves, controversial stances, or tough calls of any sort. The quasi-entomological company man (Gates is only the third rank-and-file CIA analyst to rise to directorship) prior to becoming secre-



tary of defense, Gates's primary career accomplishment was simply winning confirmation as CIA director in 1991. (He was nominated in 1987 and withdrew under fire for his management in the Iran contra scandal.) It's possible as the climax of his 1990s autobiography (*From the Shadowland: The Ultimate Insider's Story of Five Presidents and How They Won the Cold War*), and yet Gates does not even bother to mention his subsequent two years as director, which, presumably, he would have spent in the process of preparing for the collapse of the Soviet Union. Who writes an autobiography and leaves out the last part? Rob Gates does, for the simple reason that when the cold war ended, the defining drama of his life and career was over. His only stated memories of the time are often the "last page of the book," "our 'holiday from history,'" and "the 'Yalta' tragedy." Beyond that, it's almost

as if Gates himself chose to omit once that struggle is over.

He ends his book by noting that "I spent more years working [in the White House] than any President but Franklin D. Roosevelt." And yet his insider's story is not and never will be he explains that which he knew nothing about. (1) the Iran-contra scandal, and (2) "the Agency's greatest constitutional disgrace," and perhaps its greatest operational failure, the debacle



A LOOK AHEAD AT 2010

A (well-researched, mostly responsible, highly speculative*) guide to the rest of the year

^aBased on historical trends, available data, expert opinions, and the monitoring of an old readers' audience.

SUPER-GIRLY PARTY RECIPE: INSTANT CHEESE STEAKS

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TIME TO RUN IN E-WEARERS

The CIA's e-reader • A reader the secretive people have embraced appears in *Time* magazine. Barack Obama's book *Dream from a Dream* can also be read on the CIA's e-reader. Obama shares a portion of the book with a CIA employee. The publication program allows them to read the book at the same time.

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JANUARY 20 The Dutch Council of Ministers Sanctions the United Nations. It spends approximately twenty-two million dollars on disarmament plans for reducing the federal deficit. **21** **JANUARY 22** The president's designated dividend to close the prison in Guantanamo Bay opens. The facility continues to operate. **SOMETIME IN JANUARY** Giving out the first Once Upon A Bed to a homeless person. **FEBRUARY 2** Norway: Treasury secretary Håvard Fauske's comment on the bank during the bank's closing the collapse of the Global Financial System, his interview. **FEBRUARY 3** Super Bowl XLIV broadcast from Miami's Dolphin Stadium. The Who performs in Ireland. **FEBRUARY 10** Adam Blauder's first novel, Ocean Atlantic, is released. The same day in that country

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Blow off steam by having Fight Back-style brawl in a D.C. basement

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Year-through offers: One Life Stand! FEBRUARY 12 The Winter Olympics (see pages 26 and 48) begin FEBRUARY 22 The Apple Tables, a magazine-sized hybrid between an iPhone and a Mac and part a novel, joining devices. With software, and components not released. Though it has its strengths, it will cost less than \$700 and \$900 We think...SOMEONE IN FEBRUARY: The Transcendental Speed System, an ultrathin device in a sleek category, becomes available to help push your pencil MARCH 2 In Texas, Governor Rick Perry (R-Texas) loses the Republican caucuses; religious unity to the state conservatives a consensus. Rick Perry's victory becomes a shellfisher for the economy fighting what will plague the GOP throughout the year MARCH 10

Rose's *memoirs, Courage and Consequence: My Life on a Conventicle in the Fight*, comes out **MARCH 16**; Flood Mayflower's virtual Maytag Precious Maytag wine **MARCH 24**; Daylight savings time begins **MARCH 30**; Senators John Kerry, Lindsey Graham, and Joe Lieberman get the ivory tower required to put their climate-change bill off the Senate floor and into a conference with the House. Among the bills goals: facilitate offshore drilling, reduce carbon emissions, and promote nuclear energy **SOME TIME IN MARCH**; Israeli newsmen's defense ministry, the Iron Dome, becomes operational. It is not needed to intercept missiles launched by Hamas in the Gaza Strip and Hezbollah in southern Lebanon **APRIL 1**; The 2008 census begins **APRIL 10**; The

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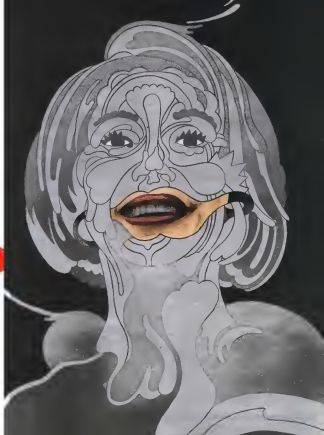
Every- body's Got Some- thing to Say About Nancy Pelosi

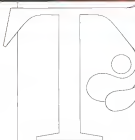
Right, Left, smart, stupid—they all paint her their own way to their own advantage.

But instead of explaining her ways, Pelosi herself would rather close the door, make some calls, then walk out onto the floor of the House of Representatives and, you know, legislate.

By **TOM CHIARELLA**

Illustration by Sam Green





Up close, the costume gets ugly. There's a cheap paper mask of Pelosi's face mashed on the mug of what appears to be a college student. The outfit, a knockoff, is striped in three-stripe blood. From her fingertips, this ghoul Pelosi dangles long strings of fake-blood-spattered dolls meant to represent fetuses. So it's a leftover ghoul, anachronistically summoned from some forgotten pro-life rally, here to remind anyone who passes that many Iowa ghouls agree that Nancy Pelosi must answer for her sins.

And the sound of Polger's voice, the leaven of her poetry for her-

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IT TAKES A
HARMLESS,
HAND-BUILT
GANGSTER
TO RUN THIS
TOWN

J

AY
Z

By LISA
TADDEO

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Michael Levine

JAY-Z WALKS INTO A gracious chamber at Manhattan's Plaza Hotel. It's the same room where, thousands of years ago, crowd-saddings were born. He walks in and slowly warms up for him in a circle littered with reporters with their recording devices and their notebooks. This is the sort of intimate press thing where the celebrity talks about whatever product he is endorsing, and they serve cold sandwiches and hummus dip. The product today is DJ Khaled, a mixtape with which hip-hop kids and gays in their mid-thirties with Castro memberships can scratch Jay-Z's bones from the suburbs because of their own homes.

He sits down in his hand-backed chair and the reporters collect around him in a battery little square. But Jay-Z doesn't really sit. What he actually does is sit down in his chair, and low like it's a water slide. Seventy-three inches of all-black everything. He'd out like a ramp black sunglasses, too, so black the hotel lights.

"They, fuck shit," he says, and he smiles to the whole room laughs.

He's cool and tall and black. He's witty and very cocky, but the cockiness is the unassuming kind you might admire.

He speaks differently, more warmly, to women than to men. He might be winking but you can never tell behind the sunglasses. At forty, he's learned how to adjust for his audience, while the audience only notices that he's pretty cool, and even kind of like them. As a culture whiz, Jay-Z says, "Oh, word," after Jay-Z suddenly answers his question about an old-school gaming console. When Jay-Z charmingly replies he signed the game that he would



WHAT I'VE LEARNED

LOU DOBBS

BROADCASTER, 64, NEW YORK CITY INTERVIEWED BY JOHN H. RICHARDSON

»You are one of those folks who's got lots of regrets, but I don't regret having regrets.

»When you've got a 170-pound billy of a guy hitting your knee as you back it into a shifted wagon or truck, your jeans have got to hold up.

»Eliminated out of my father's pickup at a meat shop in Missoula, Idaho, then I'm getting on a train bound for Chicago and I had never been east of the Rockies, for God's sake. And when I got to Harvard, something wasn't right. There was something missing at me. And it took me probably three or four weeks to figure out what it was—I couldn't find the horizon.

»My parents taught me to work.

»One professor asked where we were all from and I said, "Well, I'm from Idaho." And he says, "Oh, the culture! wasteland of America." I was struck down. But that was an important lesson. I knew I could work in 300 degrees heat, I could load twenty-two tons of hay on a trailer by myself, I could stand on a pair of steel Anne boots and not worry about what anybody thought.

»Never expect a shake-you, and never do anything for a shake-you. That is very liberating.

»I still believe in the country. I still see vividly in my mind those pictures of presidents on the wall in the elementary school.

»I still believe both parties are rife with charlatans and liars.

»Probably somewhere I get a little too enthusiastic about taking my mind.

»I saw William F. Buckley and Paul H. Nitze back in a debate at MIT one winter. And here's a poor kid, born in Texas, raised in Idaho, never had a got-to put up with it. I had no concept of money whatsoever. I thought, Darn, that is fascinating.

»You're going to stand in front, or off to the front, of a camera and microphone, you had better be saying what you mean.

»I wish that I had responded with a smile to many of my critics rather than in anger. But I see by nature combative.

»It was an idea of the greater class structure that existed at the time in the urban northeastern United States. That is another one of the blessings I believe I had growing up a poor kid out west.

»There aren't twenty million illegal immigrants because of a chance made by the voting electorate of the country. There are twenty million illegal immigrants in this country because a good part of the establishment made a decision to exploit labor.

»We're all convinced by a lack of time.

»Well, hell, what's either party done but try to guess the American people?

»Every trade agreement that has been written is devastating to the interests of working people. This is not protectionism. This is simple democracy and economic sense. If that is no longer part of the impulse and the impetus of the ethos of this country, what the hell are we becoming?

»I am confident to edit no matter what. Whenever I feel says, I'm editing.

»Corporate America has a responsibility to its stakeholders, and those stakeholders include the nation that makes it possible.

»It happens to believe that affirmative action over the course of the past forty years has been an entirely appropriate response, not because of race but because of economics. If that's the only way to get it, then God bless—let's get it.

»It's all about the cost of labor, isn't it?

»The people who said they didn't want government involved in their markets and industries, they were the first people to scream like children who no longer confronted with the economic crisis.

»I live on a farm. I live walking through my woods. We raise horses, I love that. I love fishing, and I love golf—not particularly good at it, but I love it. I've got four kids, I like 'em all. I've got three grandkids, I get to see those. I feel blessed.

»You wish at various points that you had been a better example.

»The best expression I've ever heard for raising children is you give them roots and you give them wings. But Jesus, don't go too far.

»I believe in God. I am not a guy who goes to church every week.

»I'm actually pro-conspiracy. There's sort of a conspiracy here in my body.

»I'm a skeptic, and I am attacked from the extreme left in a quite-angry but fair I mean, what the hell is that? When you can create a conspiracy by asking what seems to me still a perfectly reasonable question? It has been used in the extreme left to create a mockery that is just unbelievable.

»I wish I spent more time with the kids.

»On any given day, I'm a horse man. On any other day, I think I can apply for at least... honorary good citizenship. H



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100% When designing her spring collection, Miuccia Prada taps the unimagined in the color spectrum of a black-and-white canvas, and with her gray ensembles sublimating on lives of their own and their yet-to-proportioned—across the drop V formation of the legs—lengthening the appearance of the torso, the proves that even the simplest “imitation can breed” as well.

50% WHITE PAGE, LEFT: One of the most iconic pieces in the collection is a black-and-white striped shirt. **50% WHITE PAGE, RIGHT:** One of the most iconic pieces in the collection is a black-and-white striped shirt. **50% WHITE PAGE, RIGHT:** One of the most iconic pieces in the collection is a black-and-white striped shirt.

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There is progress made, says the report. Slowly, and only when a decision concentrates forward-looking studies that appeal to contemporary cases. In the case of the 1990s, the study is just then with his large demographic. Calvin Klein has young celebrities and his expertise with technical fabrics moving his age forward and out of the 1990s.

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